CUT MOTION No. 14

Miserable condition of roads in the State

***Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,07,928 for Communications repairs by Re. 1, the miserably hopeless condition of many of the roads in the State, especially the roads of Ernakulam maintained by the Public Works Department.*

Sir, in moving the motion that stands in my name, I would like to know whether the foot-path in the main road in the Ernakulam Broadway is maintained by the Public Works Department.

Mr. President: Order, order. Is the Hon'ble Member moving his cut motion ?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Sir, I am moving the cut motion and soliciting a piece of information before proceeding further.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member should move his cut motion and in the course of moving the motion, he may ask for any information.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: I have already moved the motion, and I shall again move, if necessary.

Mr. President: Order, order, the Hon'ble Member cannot get information before he moves his cut motion.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Sir, I did move it, and I am moving it once more. In formally moving the motion that stands in my name. to facilitate further discussion, I would like to get a little bit of information.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member may continue his speech.

***Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur)*: If one does not know all the details, it is difficult to continue. Now, Sir, in view of the assurance held out by the Hon'ble Member for Public Works that he will be attending to all the works that are necessary, I do not think it necessary for me to elaborately discuss the motion. I would respectfully, not respectfully, Sir, I would authoritatively ask him as well as the Government whether it is not the duty of the Public Works Department to attend to the foot-paths in the Ernakulam Broadway, whether it is not a part of the duty of the Public Works Department to see that these foot-paths are kept in good repair. The answer of the Hon'ble Member was that there is a tremendous amount of Military traffic, but it is not along the foot-paths. The foot-paths are full of water, ankle-deep of water, and it is only in that connection that I wanted to get the information. If foot-paths are provided to see that the Military may not be knocked down by the pedestrians or that the pedestrians are not knocked down by the Military, then they have to be kept in good condition. There was a one-way traffic enforced by the Police and then the pedestrians had all to walk through the flooded foot-paths in preference to the dry foot-paths. I submit that this is a matter which requires the immediate attention of the Government and along with the attention which will be paid to the high ways used for motor traffic, the needs of the pedestrians also might be occassionally considered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: As the Hon'ble Member has pointed out, I shall see that the foot-paths also are attended to.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: In view of the assurance, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: In view of the explanation contained in the opening speech of the Hon'ble Member for Engineering, I do not move my cut motion.

CUT MOTION No. 15

Wooden bridge over Vakya canal

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph *(Narakkal)*: To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,09,770 for communications by Re. 1 To construct a wooden bridge over the Vakya canal in Malayattur. A small canal separates a large inhabited area from the main Malayattur Village. Accidents have happened in trying to cross it. A wooden bridge will save a round about journey of two miles. Timber is available in the neighbouring forest. I think it is a pity that such an elementary item of public utility do not receive the attention of the Government. The attention of the

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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